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SUBJECT: INNER-GERMAN TRANSIT NEGOTIATIONS

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1. SUMMARY: SENAT HAS PROVIDED ALLIES WITH
FOLLOWING SCENARIO COVERING EXCHANGE
OF LETTERS AND STATEMENTS DESCRIBED REFTEL. END
SUMMARY.

2. AR REGULAR MEETING WITH ALLIED SENAT LIAISON
OFFICERS DEC 16 (SENAT CHANCELLERY CHIEF HERZ
PROVIDED FOLLOWING SCENARIO FOR EXCHANGE OF LETTERS
ON INNER-GERMAN TRANSIT NEGOTIATIONS:

A. SCHLIMPER WILL MEET WITH GAUS DEC 18 TO HAND
OVER LETTER AGREEING TO RECONSTRUCTION OF BERLIN-
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HELMSTEDT AUTOBAHN AND EXPANSION AND RECONSTRUCTION

OF BERLIN RING. TOTAL COST TO BE DM 405 MILLION, OF WHICH FRG TO PAY DM 259 MILLION (DM 214 MILLION FOR AUTOBAHN AND DM 45 MILLION FOR BERLIN RING). GDR'S SHARE WILL BE PAID, HERZ PRESUMED, FROM DM 400 MILLION LUMP-SUM TRANSIT PAYMENT. SCHLIMPER WILL INDICATE THAT GDR PLANS TO SPEND DM 56 MILLION IN FRG FOR PURCHASE OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY. GAUS WILL GIVE SCHLIMPER WRITTEN REPLY IN WHICH HE WILL REFER TO TTA. SCHLIMPER WILL STATE ORALLY THAT POSITION OF GDR ON TTA IS WELL KNOWN AND WILL ADD THAT ANY DETOURS REQUIRED BY RECONSTRUCTION WILL FALL UNDER ARTICLE 15 OF TTA. (HERZ NOTED THAT AGREED COST OF DM 405 MILLION WAS SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION FROM ORIGINAL GDR FIGURE OF DM 575 MILLION.)

B. SCHLIMPER WILL GIVE WRITTEN STATEMENT AGREEING TO NEGOTIATIONS IN 1978 ON CONSTRUCTION OF BERLIN-HELMSTEDT AUTOBAHN AND INDICATING THAT ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION COULD START IN 1980. STATEMENT WOULD INCLUDE REFERENCE TO NEW AUTOMOBILE CROSSING POINT IN NORTHERN BERLIN.

C. ALSO ON DEC 18, NIER WILL CONFIRM TO GAUS IN WRITING THAT GDR WAS AGREEABLE TO REOPENING OF STAAKEN RAIL CROSSING POINT AND TO INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL RAIL STOPS AT CHARLOTTENBURG, SPANDAU AND WANNSEE. COST, TO BE BORNE BY FRG, WOULD BE DM 51 MILLION. REICHSBAHN WILL SUBSEQUENTLY SEND TELEX TO BUNDESBahn INVITING LATTER TO RESUME FAHRPLAN CONFERENCE FOR 1976-77 (EFFECTIVE OCT 1976), WHICH HAD BEEN ADJOURNED AT STUTTGART SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. HERZ PREDICTED THAT THIS CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD IN EAST BERLIN IN JANUARY. REOPENING OF STAAKEN AND ADDING CHARLOTTENBURG, SPANDAU AND WANNSEE STOPS WOULD BE AGREED TO AT CONFERENCE.

D. NIER WILL ALSO MAKE ORAL STATEMENT TO GAUS ALLUDING TO OPENING OF NEW VEHICULAR CROSSING
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POINT IN NORTHERN PART OF WEST BERLIN, TO WHICH GAUS WOULD MAKE NO REPLY. (HERZ SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE EITHER AT HEILIGENSEE OR FRONAU, EITHER OF WHICH WOULD LINK UP WITH NEW HAMBURG AUTOBAHN AND THAT IN EVENT FRONAU WERE CHOSEN, COULD INVOLVE SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GDR AND SENAT ON SALE OF GDR TERRITORY.)

E. AGAIN ON DEC 18, MITDANK WILL COME TO HERZ'S OFFICE IN RATHAUS SCHOENEBOURG, WHERE KUNZE WOULD ALSO BE PRESENT. MITDANK WILL DELIVER STATEMENT PARALLEL TO NIER STATEMENT ON STAAKEN REOPENING AND STOPS AT CHARLOTTENBURG, SPANDAU AND WANNSEE AND WOULD INDICATE ORALLY THAT DM 30.7 MILLION OF ANTICIPATED DM 51 MILLION COSTS WOULD BE SPENT WITH WEST BERLIN FIRMS.

F. MITDANK WOULD BE GIVEN LETTER FROM LEKUTAT (SENAT BUILDING AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT) TO SCHLIMPER REFERRING ONLY TO "PREVIOUS EXCHANGES OF TELEXES" (WHICH CONCERNED TELTOW CANAL, BUT THAT WOULD NOT BE STATED IN LETTER), AND PROPOSING THAT FIRST TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE AT 1400 ON DEC 22 IN EAST BERLIN. MITDANK WOULD INDICATE ORALLY THAT HIS SIDE ACCEPTED THIS PROPOSAL.

G. MITDANK WOULD ALSO DELIVER LETTER FROM HIMSELF TO KUNZE (NOT FROM KROLIKOWSKI TO HERZ) DECLARING THAT GDR IS WILLING TO OPEN A NEW VEHICULAR CROSSING POINT IN NORTHERN PART OF WEST BERLIN AND NOTING THAT SUCH CROSSING POINT WOULD BE FOR USE OF VISITOR TRAFFIC TO GDR, GENERAL COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC TO AND FROM GDR AND FOR TRANSIT TRAFFIC TO THIRD COUNTRIES (E.G., SWEDEN, NORWAY, ETC. BUT NOT TO FRG). NEW CROSSING POINT TO BE OPERATION PRIOR TO END OF 1976. NEW CROSSING POINT TO COME UNDER ARTICLE 6 OF VISITS AGREEMENT. KUNZE WILL GIVE MITDANK WRITTEN LETTER OF CONFIRMATION. (HERZ NOTED THAT SIMILAR SCENARIO WAS FOLLOWED IN 1971.)

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3. HERZ SAID FEDERAL AFFAIRS SENATOR STOBBE HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED GIVE BERLIN CONCURRENCE TO FRG CABINET AT DEC 17 MEETING, DURING WHICH MATTER WAS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE FINAL FRG APPROVAL. GDR POLITBURO EXPECTED TO GIVE ITS APPROVAL DEC 16 WHEN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WAS BRIEFING RESPONSIBLE FRG MINISTERS AND FDP COALITION PARTNERS. HERZ ALSO ADVISED THAT A GAUS REP WOULD MEET WITH GDR OFFICIALS ON DEC 17 TO MAKE FINAL EDITORIAL CHANGES PRIOR TO EXCHANGES OF LETTERS AND STATEMENTS ON DEC 18. DAVIS

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